

# DelDOT Crews Working on Recovery

*Dover* –Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Shailen Bhatt said Sunday morning that “The state’s transportation system appears to have weathered the storm reasonably well, however, the state will be contending with flooded roads, utility lines that have come down, loss of power to traffic control devices, fallen trees and debris on roadways, and other various issues,” said Secretary Bhatt. “For this reason, we urge the public to remain off the roads as long as possible today, and to use extra caution if they are driving, knowing they may encounter unexpected delays and road hazards. DelDOT’s crews have already swung into action to assess storm damage and have begun to address high-priority issues on our primary and secondary roadways.”

Secretary Bhatt reminded Delaware motorists, “The public should understand that our first priority must be to ensure the major arteries of our system become fully operational before turning our attention elsewhere. As always, safety is our first priority and it will govern our overall approach to storm recovery.”

While conditions have improved and the driving ban has been modified, it is important that people stay off the roads and not venture out. A number of roads are still covered by water, and motorists could encounter downed trees, branches or power lines. If you encounter water covering a roadway, do not try to drive through it.

Drivers who are on the roads should be aware that some traffic signals may not be operating due to power loss or damage. That means drivers need to exercise extreme caution, and when they encounter locations where signals are not operating, they should slow down their approach and be prepared to yield to other vehicles.

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) fixed-route DART and paratransit services remain suspended on Sunday. DTC will conduct inspections today and will announce when normal service is set to resume.